

Amendment "A"

Amendments to the specification

Please amend the specification being filed herewith as follows:

In the specification at page 1, line 2, please insert the following paragraph following the title "IMAGING APPARATUS AND METHODS", and before the section titled, "FIELD OF THE INVENTION":

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial. No. 10/147,251, filed May 15, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. - -

(End of amendments to the specification.)

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